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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR NORLAND

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TAGS: PFOR, US, US, WA, SF, BC

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR BRIEFINGS BY CONTACT GROUP

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1. MY U.K. AND FRG COLLEAGUES AND I MET MAY 9 AT 1500 WITH
MINEXTAFF MOGWIE TO DELIVER THE JOINT BRIEFING ON NAMIBIA TALKS,
AS HE HAD BEEN PROMISED EARLIER.

2. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, I TOOK THE LEAD AND IN ORDER
TO INSURE MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING AND MINIMUM CONFUSION
I FIRST READ THE AGREED TEXT (REFTEL) VERBATIM TO MINISTER

MOGWE. FOLLOWING THAT, I SUMMARIZED THE SALIENT POINTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE NOTE-TAKING BY GOB OFFICIALS (WHO INCLUDED PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY LEGWAILA AND DEPUTY PERMSEC OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOGAMI).

3. THROUGHOUT THE BRIEFING MOGWE EVIDENCED AN INTERESTED AND ATTENTIVE ATTITUDE. AT THE END, HE SINGLED OUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) HAS THERE THUS FAR BEEN ANY SWAPO REACTION? WILL SWAPO PERSIST IN ITS DEMANDS FOR COMPLETE AND PRIOR SAG WITHDRAWAL AND FOR RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS?
(B) DO THE FIVE POWERS INTEND TO BRIEF NUJOMA PRIOR TO THE MAPUTO MEETING?

(TO THE LATTER QUESTION, WE INFORMED MOGWE THAT IT WAS PLANNED TO BRIEF NUJOMA THAT SAME DAY.)

(C) HAS THE SAG IDENTIFIED CONDITIONS WHICH IT WOULD CONSIDER MUST BE MET BEFORE SWAPO COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL AND OTHER POLITICAL PROCESSES?

(D) DOES THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DETAINEE AND POLITICAL PRISONER QUESTION?

(E) IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S UNDERTAKING NOT TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DRAFT TURNHALLE CONSITUTION, WHAT THEN IS TO BE THE FATE OF THE TURNHALLE NEGOTIATIONS? ARE WE TO INFER THAT THEY WILL BE SCRAPPED ENTIRELY? IF SO, WHY HAS NOT SAG STATED IT CLEARLY?

(F) MOGAMI (FORMER BOTSWANA AMBASSADOR TO THE UN) NOTED THAT IN HIS OPINION SOME OF THE POINTS AGREED UPON THUS FAR MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT VARIANCE WITH
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RESOLUTION 385. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROSPECTIVE PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND AUTHORITY FROM NAMIBIA MIGHT BE UNACCEPTABLE TO MANY UN MEMBERS. HAS A TIMETABLE FOR THIS PHASED WITHDRAWAL BEEN DISCUSSED, HE ASKED, OR IS IT STILL TOO EARLY FOR SUCH DETAILED CONSIDERATION?

(G) HAVE THE FIVE POWERS RECEIVED ANY REACTION THUS FAR FROM THE OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES? AND FROM THOSE PARTIES WHO MIGHT NOT WISH THE INITIATIVE WELL, I.E., THE COMMUNIST BLOC? REGARDING THESE QUESTIONS, MOGWE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INFORM HIM OF OTHER PARTIES' REACTIONS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR MAPUTO ON MAY 13.

4. MOGWE SAID HE COULD OF COURSE NOT GIVE GOB REACTION TO NAMIBIA TALKS UNTIL MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS WERE FORTHCOMING, BUT HE EXPRESSED FERVENT HOPE THAT ITIATIVE WOULD PROSPER, AND THAT NAMIBIA QUESTION MIGHT BE SETTLED, REMOVING SOURCE OF TROUBLE ON AT LEAST ONE OF BOTSWANA'S

FLANKS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL TO PROVIDE
MOGWE WITH SOME REACTION REPORTS PRIOR TO MAY 13.
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